

## MINUTES

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room  
John A. Hannah Building  
608 West Allegan  
Lansing, Michigan

January 10, 2012  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman  
Mr. John C. Austin, President  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President  
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, Secretary  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer (via telephone)  
Dr. Richard Zeile, NASBE Delegate  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus  
Mr. Daniel Varner  
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

Also Present: Mr. Paul Galbenski, 2011-2012 Michigan Teacher of the Year

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

#### II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

A. Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 6, 2011, as revised

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich, Varner, Weiser, Zeile**  
**Absent: Danhof**

**The motion carried.**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education and the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan offered condolences to Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer, former State Board of Education member, on the recent passing of her husband, George.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:44 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON MI SCHOOL DATA

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. David Judd, Director of Psychometrics, Accountability, Research and Evaluation in the Bureau of Assessment and Accountability; Mr. Tom Howell, Director, Center for Educational Performance and Information; and Mr. Paul Bielawski, School Data Manager, Center for Educational Performance and Information; presented MI School Data.

Mr. Flanagan said the MI School Data portal provides Michigan education data to help educators, parents, and community members make informed educational decisions to help improve instruction and enable school systems to prepare a higher percentage of students to succeed in rigorous high school courses, college and careers.

Mr. Howell and Mr. Bielawski provided information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Board members said they appreciate the rich source of data available through [www.MISchoolData.org](http://www.MISchoolData.org). They asked clarifying questions and offered suggestions for improvement. There was discussion regarding the balance of sharing complex data and making the website user friendly.

IX. PRESENTATION ON THE REVISED STANDARDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS OF LIBRARY MEDIA (ND)

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. John VanWagoner, Interim Assistant Director, Professional Preparation Services; and Mr. Thomas Bell, Higher Education Consultant; presented the Revised Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Library Media (ND).

Mr. Flanagan said in order to prepare teachers to meet the needs of P-12 school districts, the Library Media standards have been revised to show the adoption of the national standards for Library Media by the American Library Association. He said a referent committee was responsible for reviewing the national standards and making the recommendation for adoption.

Board members asked clarifying questions, and suggested edits. There was discussion regarding the amount of time allowed for field review before documents are approved by the Board.

Following field review, the standards will be presented to the Board for approval in March.

X. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan introduced Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Great Start, who was in attendance at the meeting. He said Ms. Broman will officially join the Department on January 23, 2012.

XI. PRESENTATION ON STATUS OF 2011-2012 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/ MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REFORM PRIORITIES

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer, presented Status of 2011-2012 State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Reform Priorities.

Mr. Flanagan said this is a review of the progress made on the State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Reform Priorities for 2011-2012, as adopted by the Board on June 14, 2011. He said a progress review will be presented annually at the January Board meeting.

Dr. Vaughn reviewed the priorities noting progress and completion.

Mr. Austin said he appreciates the work done by staff to complete priority items. He said he is eager to make progress on opportunities for students to participate in early and middle colleges; dual enrollment; and Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace. He said it is also important to advance

teacher quality support efforts. Mr. Flanagan said those topics are under discussion, and he suggested that they be topics for the Board's retreat.

Mrs. Weiser said digital learning requires a discussion at the state level regarding special education and other supports to allow the experience to be successful. Mr. Flanagan said there is a group working on the topic.

XII. PRESENTATION ON THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS AND TRIAL URBAN DISTRICT ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability; presented National Assessment of Educational Progress and Trial Urban District Assessment Results.

Mr. Flanagan said Mrs. Weiser requested this presentation.

Mrs. Weiser said the Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA) is the only assessment in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) that attributes data to specific city school districts. She said it is done by request of the Council of Great City Schools, and large city school districts volunteer to participate.

Dr. Martineau said NAEP is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and provides periodic report cards on a number of subjects. He said the *Nation's Report Card* compares performance among states, urban districts, private and public schools, and student demographic groups. He said the governing body is the National Assessment Governing Board, and Mrs. Weiser is a member.

Dr. Martineau said TUDA began in 2002 and is designed to explore using NAEP to measure performance at the large district level. He said Detroit volunteered to participate in the past two assessments in 2009 and 2011.

Dr. Martineau provided information via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Mrs. Weiser said while Detroit is starting at the bottom of U.S. cities, they are starting to show increased student progress on TUDA which we hope will lead to significant gains soon. Mrs. Weiser said the full TUDA Report is available at <http://nationsreportcard.gov>, and *Pieces of the Puzzle – Factors in the Improvement of Urban School Districts on the National Assessment of Educational Progress* is available at [www.cgcs.org](http://www.cgcs.org).

Mrs. McGuire asked if the same Detroit schools were assessed in 2009 and 2011. Dr. Martineau said they were not the same schools, but through random representative samplings they are statistically comparable.

XIII. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAM

There were no Board member comments regarding grant criteria.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Mrs. McGuire ended her telephone connection at 12:02 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

XV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of December 6, 2011

**Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of December 6, 2011.**

Mr. Austin said the agenda folder contains edits to the Minutes which will be incorporated into the final version.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Danhof, Straus, Ulbrich, Varner, Weiser, Zeile  
Absent During Vote: McGuire**

**The motion carried.**

XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Dr. Kristin Fontichiaro, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Fontichiaro, University of Michigan School of Information, provided verbal comments in support of K-12 library learning standards.
- B. Ms. Sandra York, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ms. York, Executive Director, Michigan Parent Teacher Association (PTA), provided verbal comments on the PTA Reflections Program where Michigan students will have artwork displayed at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, DC.
- C. Mr. John Lauve, Holly, Michigan. Mr. Lauve provided verbal and written comments regarding his annual report.

Mrs. McGuire resumed her telephone connection at 1:15 p.m.

## XVII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said the Board unanimously approved Budget Priority Recommendations at its December meeting. He said there is a budget surplus, and he is reinforcing the importance of strategically investing in education priorities.

Mr. Austin said at its December meeting, the Board also approved a process for taking a comprehensive look at the education funding system. He said he will report on that at a future meeting.

Mr. Austin said with the passage of legislation expanding charter schools and choice, he personally is concerned that all schools be schools of quality. He said there also is a need to challenge charter schools to develop quality high schools. He said he heralds the accountability and transparency provisions in the legislation.

## XVIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

### Reports

F. Human Resources Update

G. Report on the Department of Education Cosponsorship

### Grants

H. Report on Grant Awards

- 2010-2011 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Amendment
- 2011-2012 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – Amendment
- 2011-2012 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) – Amendment
- 2010-2011 ARRA Title I School Improvement Grant – Amendment
- 2011-2012 Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Grant Program (Title II, Part B) – Initial
- 2009-2010 Enhancing Education Through Technology, Title II, Part D, Competitive Program, Regional Data Initiatives Continuation Grant – Initial
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- 2009-2010 Enhancing Education Through Technology, Title II, Part D, Competitive Program, Michigan Education Data Portal Grant – Amendment

- 2011-2012 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected and Delinquent – Amendment
- 2010-2011 Title III – English Language Acquisition Program – Amendment

Mr. Flanagan provided an update on the Department's application for Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility that is being submitted to the U.S. Department of Education in mid-February.

Mr. Flanagan said Benton Harbor Area Schools should be acknowledged for working diligently to make significant progress on the elimination of its deficit.

Mr. Flanagan said school districts in Michigan received their Fall 2011 MEAP student-level results the week of December 12, 2011. He said this is the third consecutive year that schools have received the data prior to winter break.

Mrs. Danhof left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

#### XIX. REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Paul Galbenski, 2011-2012 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year. He provided a verbal update to his written report including Widening Advancement for Youth, Southfield-Lathrup High School presentation on career and technical education programs, America's Marketing High School – Super Bowl Project, Oakland Counselors Association Meeting, School Improvement Conference, Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness, Network of Michigan Educators Meeting, Oakland Schools Education Foundation Board Meeting, and Oakland County Transition Coordinators Meeting.

#### XX. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, State and Federal Legislative Director, presented the State and Federal Legislative Update.

Ms. Hansknecht said the School Quality Workgroup is a bipartisan, bicameral workgroup that has been established as a requirement of the charter school expansion bill. She said the members must make recommendations to the Education committees in both chambers on measures to be taken to improve educational quality in all public schools. She said the workgroup will submit its recommendations by March 30, 2012.

Dr. Ulbrich asked if the State Board of Education and the education community will be asked to provide input in the School Quality Workgroup. There was Board consensus that the State Board of Education Legislative Committee will look for common ground to provide input.

Ms. Hansknecht provided an update on dual enrollment and shared time legislation, cyber schools legislation, burdensome reports, accreditation, and the budget.

Mrs. Straus asked if the State Board of Education's Model Anti-Bullying Policy will be made available to school districts as they review and develop policies prohibiting bullying, as required by the passage of Matt's Safe School Law (MCL 380.1310b). Mr. Flanagan said superintendents will receive a reminder notice.

XXI. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval

- J. Approval of Professional Learning Policy and Standards

Criteria

- K. Approval of Criteria for the Training and Technical Assistance Grant for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as follows:**

- J. approve the Michigan Department of Education Professional Learning Policy and the Michigan Department of Education Standards for Professional Learning, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated January 3, 2012; and**
- K. approve the Criteria for Training and Technical Assistance Grant for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 11, 2011.**

Mr. Austin said Mrs. Danhof, prior to leaving the meeting, asked him to convey her concerns regarding the continuum of professional learning. He said he trusts it is included in the Professional Learning Policy and Standards.

Mrs. Straus suggested that the definition of "job embedded" be more clearly defined in the guidance document.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Straus, Ulbrich, Varner, Weiser, Zeile**  
**Absent: Danhof**

**The motion carried.**



XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

There were no additional comments by State Board of Education members.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mr. Austin, Dr. Ulbrich, and Mrs. Danhof with suggestions for agenda topics.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, February 14, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)
- B. Tuesday, March 13, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, April 10, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, May 8, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at [www.michigan.gov/sbe](http://www.michigan.gov/sbe).

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danhof  
Secretary